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Project launched in Didcot to help vulnerable people

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A SCHEME designed to help vulnerable people feel confident and safe in Oxfordshire has been rolled out in Didcot.

The Oxfordshire Safe Places scheme was launched in the town at the beginning of the month.

Safe Place stickers have been plastered around the town at 20 locations, including shops, churches, and the town's bingo hall.

Philippa Stannard, fundraising, marketing and community development manager at Wallingford-based charity Style Acre, led the scheme.

With the support of the county council's Adult Safeguarding Board, Oxfordshire Family Support Network and Thames Valley Police, Didcot has become the first town to embrace the scheme.

A £2,000 grant from Oxfordshire County Council helped to fund the window stickers, fliers and business cards for vulnerable people to write down their contact information.

Safe place champions Charlotte Rand and James Greaves have also visited the local businesses to help get them started with the initiative.

Ms Stannard explained: "If someone is feeling vulnerable or frightened, they can find a safe place in the town centre to go and somebody there will help them.

"What we don't want to do is make it onerous for shops and businesses.

"It's not that they have to take responsibility, it is community involvement, and being a safe haven. We have been careful not to approach shops that are only staffed with one person because they haven't got the time.

"It could also create a potentially vulnerable position for either party so it's the bigger companies that we are focusing on."

The scheme was also launched in Wantage on Wednesday, while Ms Stannard said Witney, Banbury, Abingdon and Oxford are also on the radar.

"We are gradually making it countywide, but it is voluntary organisations and individuals that are making it happen," she added. "We're just dependant on people who can facilitate it and make it happen."

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First choice school place for majority

ALMOST 90 per cent of children in Oxfordshire who are due to start primary school in September have been offered a place at their preferred school.

This year's figure of 89.09 per cent is slightly down on the 90.66 per cent who got into their first choice school last year.

However, Oxfordshire County Council noted that there had been an increase in the number of applications received, and they had been able to offer first preference places to 209 more children than in 2013.

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In total, there were 6,722 applications this year, compared to last year's number of 6,513.

Cllr Melinda Tilley, cabinet member for children, education and families, said: "We are pleased to be able to offer first-preference places to the overwhelming majority of children.

"Oxfordshire has a strong record in this respect and compares favourably with other parts of the country, but like many other areas we are expecting the school age population to continue to rise in the coming years.

"A lot of work has been, and continues to be, carried out to increase school capacity in anticipation of growing demand."

Families can appeal if they are unhappy with the decision about where their child will be going to school.

Cllr Tilley added: "In circumstances where demand for places at particular schools exceeds their capacity, the reality is that not everyone can be offered a place.

"That means while most Oxfordshire families will be receiving the news they were hoping for, there will also be some disappointed families.

"Any family which has not received a first-preference offer has the option to appeal, and also to remain on 'continued interest' lists."

Anyone who has yet to apply for a school place can get a form at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk.

CEO pledges to improve mental health support

THE chief executive of Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust has pledged to improve care for people with schizophrenia and psychosis in the county.

Stuart Bell made the comments at a conference in London last week, organised by charity Rethink Mental Illness.

It comes following the publication of a new report by the charity and the London School of Economics, which found that investing in good quality care for sufferers can lead to long-term savings for the NHS.

Mr Bell said: "Oxford Health NHS Trust is absolutely committed to making sure people with mental health problems get the same standard of care as those with physical illnesses.

"We're always looking for new ideas for how we can do things better and how we can use the resources we have as effectively as possible."

Victoria Bleazard of Rethink Mental Illness said: "Mental health is chronically underfunded.

"Not only do we want to see mental health getting a fairer share of the budget, but we also need to make sure that the money that is available is spent as efficiently as possible."

• *Stuart Bell made the pledge at a conference last week*

Synthetic 3D printing treatments

AN OXFORD University spin-out company is set to develop 3D printing techniques to produce tissue-like synthetic materials, to be used for wound healing and drug delivery.

OxSyBio will refine and advance the 3D droplet printing technology, devised by Professor Hagan Bayley's group at the university's Department of Chemistry.

They have also raised £1million from IP Group, the developer of intellectual property based businesses, subject to the achievement of milestones.

Professor Bayley's group has developed a technique to print the materials from thousands of tiny water droplets, each coated in a thin film mimicking a living cell's external membrane.

He said: "We have been able to print networks of droplets, through which electrical impulses can be transmitted in a manner similar to the way cells in the nervous system communicate.

"We also aim to integrate printed tissue-like materials with living tissues, and to print materials that themselves contain living cells.

"Our long-term goal is to develop a synthetic tissue printer that a surgeon can use in theatre.

"In 10 years' time, the use of pieces of synthetic tissue will be commonplace, although the fabrication of complex synthetic organs is a more distant prospect."

Search continues for David

CONCERN is growing for an Oxford man, who went missing from the Littlemore area at around 3pm last Saturday.

David Morgans, 49, was last seen wearing a black coat, white t-shirt with black detail and black jeans.

He is white, of medium build, with brown wavy hair and 6ft 2ins tall, and does not have access to any vehicles.

Anyone with information as to his whereabouts is asked to contact police on 101, or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

• *David Morgans*

Agencies work to clean city brook of sewage

INVESTIGATIONS carried out by Thames Water, the Environment Agency and Oxford City Council have stopped a tributary of the River Thames being used as a sewer.

Rising pollution levels at Boundary Brook, near Campbell Road, Oxford, prompted them to undertake surveys of the 2,400 homes connected to the surface water drains in the area.

They were then able to identify a number of homes that had mistakenly connected appliances, such as toilets and washing machines, to the drains instead of the sewer network.

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Thames Water found 126 appliances incorrectly set up, including 19 toilets, 21 sinks, 20 washing machines and 17 showers.

Andrew Broadbent, from Thames Water's environment team, said: "The thought of human waste, cooking fat and dirty water going straight into this brook is frankly disgusting.

"So we're really pleased our work here has paid off and we've tracked down those homes with misconnected drains.

"It's really important that anyone having extensions built or carrying out plumbing work employs a reputable plumber, and knows exactly where their waste water is heading."

Jessica Bates of the Environment Agency said: "We are really pleased that Thames Water's hard work has helped clean up the flow of polluted water to the brook.

"Sewage was regularly discharging into the watercourse and reducing the water quality, and creating an unpleasant environment in the brook.

"To ensure this doesn't happen again in the future, we encourage homeowners to check that they are connected right."

Graham Eagle, from Environmental Development at the city council, added: "The work carried out in the Campbell Road area shows what can be achieved by agencies working together.

"I am pleased that we can do our bit to create a cleaner, greener environment for the city and we will continue to support our partners on these and similar projects in the future."

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Tolls to charity

EYNSHAM firefighters will be staffing a toll bridge on Monday to raise money for charity while reminding drivers to test their smoke alarms.

They will be collecting the 5p charge at Swinford to fundraise for The Firefighters Charity, as well as promoting the 'Test it Tuesday' message to encourage homeowners to test alarms once a week.

Model student

A FORMER Oxford Brookes student has fended off thousands of other applicants to make the final of a national modelling competition.

Lisa Grace, who graduated with a degree in Real Estate Management last year, is a finalist in this year's Top Model Worldwide and Top Model UK competitions.

She has previously been involved in fashion shows in Oxford, London and abroad, working with designers such as Angel Sadel and Tina Lobondi.

Royal visit

QUEEN Sofia of Spain will visit Oxford University's Exeter College on April 29.

She will attend a colloquium, celebrating the teaching and research in Spanish Literature at the college, before taking a tour of the grounds.

The college will also put on a concert while the Queen of Spain will hear from members of the university's Spanish sub-faculty.

Success for Oxford clubs at festival

OXFORD Hockey Club hosted their 22nd Rover Hockey Festival over the weekend, with over 500 children taking part in the area's traditional end of season seven-a-side finale.

It took place at Cokethorpe School in Witney, and featured teams participating from all over the south, and even as far afield as Northern Ireland.

Both Oxford clubs finished in three of the top four places in the under 12 boys tournament, with Oxford Hawks winning 5-0 against Aylesbury.

In the under 14 girls competition, Oxford just missed out on a place in the final after losing 1-0 on penalty shuttles to eventual runners-up Cirencester.

Oxford A went unbeaten in the under eight mixed competition, collecting the winners' medals with a 4-1 victory in the final over Wallingford.

And the under 10s saw Oxford just lose out to Wallingford in the final, after a 1-1 game was decided on penalties.

Festival organiser Nick Malden said: "It was fantastic to see so many children taking part in this Olympic sport.

"The increase in both numbers and standard demonstrates a continuing legacy from 2012."

• *Oxford's under eight squad celebrates victory*

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Activate Learning, previously known as the Oxford and Cherwell Valley College Group, is working with GEMS Education Solutions and Moulton College, to open the colleges.

The three colleges in the towns of Al Jouf, Arar and Qurayyat will be among 26 to open this year.

Sally Dicketts, chief executive of Activate Learning, said: "The colleges represent a significant investment in the training and development of women in Saudi Arabia, empowering them to develop the technical skills and qualifications required for successful futures.

"We are also excited about the benefits this will bring for our UK-based students, both in terms of expanding our global reach and generating additional revenue which can be re-invested in teaching and learning facilities."

Students will focus on English language training in the first year, before specialising in vocational areas including healthcare, business, IT and finance, hair and beauty, fashion design, and agriculture.

Activate Learning will develop the colleges' curriculum.

More deer in Oxon than rest of the UK

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THE RSPB have revealed the results of their latest wildlife survey in Oxfordshire, which shows muntjac deer are thriving in the county compared to the rest of the UK.

More than 270,000 people nationwide took part in the survey, where they recorded the number of animals that made visits to their gardens.

• *Deer sightings were up in Oxfordshire compared to the UK average, but red squirrels were much rarer (Pictures by Andy Hay and Niall Benvie)*

Muntjac deer were seen at least once a month by 20 per cent of participants in Oxfordshire, compared to a national average of just over six per cent.

Figures also showed there were more sightings of grey squirrels, roe deer, hedgehogs and common frogs in comparison to the UK average.

However, there were less badgers and common toads recorded in Oxfordshire, and just 0.4 per cent of the county's participants saw at least one red squirrel a month, compared to 2.7 per cent for the UK as a whole.

The results were collected by people taking part in the charity's Big Garden Birdwatch, where those taking part were asked to record other wildlife in their gardens for the first time in 36 years of the survey.

Daniel Hayhow, RSPB conservation scientist, said: "This massive survey shows how important our gardens are for the amazing variety of wildlife living there.

"The RSPB State of Nature report showed that we need more information across many species groups, so widening the Big Garden Birdwatch's scope to include other animals made perfect sense.

"This is the start of something big and very important. In a few years' time, we'll be able to compare how the distribution of garden wildlife may have changed.

"Hopefully, the fact that more people are helping to give nature a home in their gardens and outside spaces will mean we see improvements rather than declines."

Marina Pacheco, the Mammal Society's chief executive, said: "Those taking part in this year's Big Garden Birdwatch have captured one of the largest snapshots ever recorded for some of our most endearing and threatened mammals.

"As well as taking part in an enjoyable survey, participants have greatly increased our understanding of the distribution and relative abundance of UK mammals."

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Police appeal

POLICE are appealing for information after offenders broke into a house in Howard Street between 6pm on Thursday and 1am on Friday last week.

Two laptops, a tablet computer, cash and jewellery were taken from the property, including a gold wedding band that has sentimental value to the owners.

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Holly Wood on 101.

Batonbearers

OXFORD City Council has announced the names of three of the four 'batonbearers' who will carry the Queen's baton when it arrives in Oxford ahead of the Commonwealth Games.

Ian Warland from Sandhills, Juliet Field of Cutteslowe and Jonny Pemberton from Oxford will feature in the relay in Oxford on June 6.

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City incident

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a cyclist tried to rob a 54-year-old man along Marston Ferry Road.

At 8.30pm on April 8, the victim was walking his dog along the cycle path towards Summertown when he was approached by a man on a bicycle.

The offender threatened the victim and demanded his money, but was pushed away and fled the scene.

Police are now searching for an Asian man in his mid twenties, of a medium build, with short dark bushy hair.

He was wearing dark rimmed glasses and a dark jacket.

Call 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Purse stolen

A 23-YEAR-OLD woman had her handbag stolen while outside the Botanical Gardens last week.

Between 10.30am and 11am on April 8, the victim was walking from St Clements towards the city centre, when a man approached her from behind and pulled her handbag off her shoulder.

The handbag was recovered in Rose Lane, without the purse. Call 101.

High house prices leads to call for crisis summit

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CALLS for a Housing Crisis Summit have been blocked amid worrying affordability statistics for homes in the city.

A Lloyds Bank survey has revealed the average house price in Oxford is £340,864, maintaining its place as the least affordable city in the UK.

In response to the survey, Green councillor Sam Hollick, Holywell ward member, proposed a motion to council on Monday for an Oxford Housing Crisis Summit.

But the motion was amended by Labour councillor Scott Seamons, board member for Housing, who asked council to support the urban expansion of the city both in the north and south.

It was passed with 32 votes in favour, in what Green councillors labelled a 'wrecking amendment'.

"Oxford has the least affordable housing in the UK," said Cllr Hollick, who wants to bring together tenants, residents, landlords, housing charities, district authorities, and housing providers to identify potential solutions.

"Rents are sky-rocketing, rough sleeping is on the increase, families are being relocated to other counties, and new house-building cannot keep pace with demand.

"We need to think strategically and creatively about how to meet Oxford's current and future housing needs.

"The council administration clearly thinks it has all the answers, but its track record suggests otherwise."

Cllr Price says solutions are being sought through the county wide Strategic Partnership and the City Deal.

"The scale of the housing crisis affecting Oxford has been described and analysed exhaustively in many reports over the past decade," he said. "We have moved beyond talking about it and are working towards solutions.

"The overwhelming need is to identify land for house building on a large scale to meet the identified need for 27,000 new homes in and near the city over the next 15 years, and to release the capital to ensure that at least half of these are for affordable rent."

Launch date set for town's new sculpture

DIDCOT residents have been invited to attend the official launch of the town's new sculpture.

'The Swirl' was lowered into place at the top of the amphitheatre steps in the Orchard Centre last Sunday evening.

Designed by artist Maria Rosa Cramer, the stainless steel structure derives from the idea of peeling and sculpting apple skin.

On April 26, between 12noon and 2pm, Ms Kramer will talk about the project, while there will also be craft activities for children and a chance to take pictures of the sculpture.

Ms Kramer said: "I'm so pleased that The Swirl is now in place for all to enjoy.

"I look forward to meeting the people of Didcot to talk with them about their first impressions of the sculpture."

Cllr Ann Ducker, leader of South Oxfordshire District Council, added: "The arrival of 'The Swirl' to Didcot is a really exciting occasion for us to celebrate.

"It's a very striking piece of art which gives the Orchard Centre a sense of identity, and I'm sure it will become a great icon and talking point in the town for many years to come."

'The Swirl' was funded by planning contributions from the Orchard Centre development, Hammerson, and the district council.

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Mental health patients to benefit from sports

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OXFORDSHIRE Sports Partnership has received more than a quarter of a million pounds in funding, which will be used to provide more opportunities for people with mental health problems.

Sport England's Inclusive Sport Fund gave the grant of £262,928 to give disabled people more of a chance to play various sports.

Funding will be used for the Oxfordshire Active Body, Healthy Mind project, which hopes to help 1,250 people with mental ill health enjoy sport through one to one mentoring and group support.

It is led by the county's sport partnership, along with a consortium of other community and mental health organisations.

Chris Freeman, managing director of the partnership, said: "Active Body, Healthy Mind is an example of the positive benefits we can bring to Oxfordshire with partnership working.

"It's a fantastic opportunity to engage individuals with mental ill health in sport, providing a wide range of sporting opportunities to increase participation in disability sport, and make a positive impact on people's lives."

Local mental health charity Oxfordshire Mind will be working with the partnership in the project, and will be hosting a sports co-ordinator to manage it.

David Agnew of Oxfordshire Mind, said: "We're delighted to be able to be part of this joint effort to help people improve their health, fitness and well-being.

"Our sports co-ordinator will be working with local communities to help people access new ways to exercise.

"Making it easier for everyone to boost physical and mental health is a great way to help people get the support they need."

Sport England director of insight Lisa O'Keefe added: "We are delighted to be able to help the Oxfordshire Sports Partnership provide more opportunities for disabled people to give sport a go.

"Record numbers of disabled people now play sport and it's thanks to projects like this that we can continue to improve opportunities and make a real difference in communities."

Scruffs to raise money for Banbury charity

• *Scruffs will be raising money for Dogs for the Disabled next month*

COTSWOLD Wildlife Park has chosen Banbury-based charity Dogs for the Disabled as its nominated charity for when it hosts its Scruffs Dog Show next month.

The fourth annual show allows visitors to enter their pooch to take part in a number of categories, including 'best biscuit catcher' and 'waggiest tail'.

Prizes and rosettes are on offer for the winners, while the overall winning dog's owner will be given the chance to adopt an animal as part of the park's Animal Adoption Scheme, as well as the 'best in show' rosette.

It starts at 1.30pm on May 10, and costs £2 per class with all proceeds going to the charity. For more details about the show, go to www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk.

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Historical talk

AN ARCHAEOLOGIST who was involved in the discovery of Richard III's final resting place in a Leicester car park, will speak at an event in Wallingford next Wednesday.

Richard Buckley will talk about how the search started and how it can be proved that it really is Richard III's burial site.

The talk will be held at St Mary's Church on March 26 at 8pm.

Tickets cost £8.

County ride

THE inaugural 'Ride the County' event is set to take place on May 17, and anyone motorised with less than four wheels is welcome to hit the roads.

Motorists taking part will have the opportunity to ride some of the best roads in the county, making sure to stop by at the four checkpoints - Banbury, Burford, Thame and Didcot.

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Oxford's automotive history

ON Saturday I saw off the motor heritage convoy from Cowley to Longbridge. The fourth annual migration of Cowley-built cars from Oxford to Birmingham showcases 100 vintage city-made cars making their way to the Pride of Longbridge rally in Birmingham, which remembers the 6,000 workers who lost their jobs when MG Rover collapsed in 2005.

In the showcase there were several original Minis which, of course, was everyone of my generation's first car.

Looking back on the old cars, including the Morris 1100 and the Maxi, you are struck by how innovative their design was for their time.

The proceedings paid testament to the incredible amount of hard work that has been the hallmark of car manufacturing in Cowley over the years.

It's wonderful that enthusiasts take such time and care to preserve these historic models, not only an important part of our heritage, but a reminder of times past, so that once in a while we can see them, like old friends, bringing back memories of what was going on in our lives when we owned them.

The convoy send-off provided an opportunity to reflect on how manufacturing and industry have evolved over this time, and how good it is that the Cowley was able to attract BMW investments, and what a success the workforce have made of it.

We remember too the workers at Longbridge who lost their jobs following the collapse of MR Rover, and what this meant for their community. Though times, and the cars, have changed, automotive manufacturing is a vital part of Oxford's economy, over the years providing jobs for tens of thousands of people. It underlines how crucial it is that we sustain this success for the future.

The heritage convoy event was organised by Tanya Field, who together with a dedicated team of helpers has worked tirelessly to get everything ready. Many thanks to Tanya and everyone else who made last Saturday's event such a success.

• Save TCP's proposed designs for the site

A COMMUNITY group has been given a six month extension to bid on the Temple Cowley Pools site, and are hoping to keep the facility open.

Save Temple Cowley Pools (Save TCP) are currently working on a plan to retain health and fitness provisions on the site, as well as creating a new community centre and around 30 houses.

Oxford City Council put the site up for sale in January, and developers had until tomorrow to submit their applications.

But last week, the council approved Save TCP's nomination for the site to be registered as an Asset of Community Value, giving the group an extra six months to finalise their plans.

It comes as Save TCP's seventh petition, asking for the council to work with the group to retain leisure facilities on site, was debated by councillors on Monday night.

Nigel Gibson, from Save TCP, said: "As a community group, we are entitled to put forward a right to bid, and the council works with us to ensure we can come up with the best possible offer for what will benefit the community.

By Adam Flinn
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"We had a financially stable plan already, but now that we have six months, we're going to take our time to make sure we get the most financially viable offering that means we can get the best return for the area.

"What we were asking in the petition was if the council would work with campaigners to come up with a solution that retained health and fitness on the site.

"The council process itself is for the council officers to work with us to come up with a bid that can be seen as viable."

Leader of the city council and Labour member Bob Price said: "The council has identified the site as a potential housing site, but all the bidders will be assessed against the criteria of best value for taxpayers.

"There is no specific preference for maintaining a pool, but some recreation facilities on the site are highly desirable.

"The council will accept the bid which represents the best value for money, and the campaign group's bid has no special status in that context."

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Bollywood

A BOLLYWOOD charity event is being held at the Tree Hotel in Iffley on Saturday evening.

From 7pm, guests will get to try out some Bollywood moves and watch professional performances.

Tickets are £24.95.

Clean buses

ELEVEN of Oxford's sightseeing buses have been fitted with clean exhaust technologies in an effort to reduce emissions in the city.

A £199,995 grant from the Department of Transport's Clean Bus Technology Fund to Oxford City Council has helped to pay for the modifications.

Recycle paint

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LOW Carbon Oxford will host a week of events this summer in an effort to make the city one of the greenest in the country.

From June 14-22, there will be film showings, food fairs, energy saving and clothes-swapping events.

The events will take place across various locations including the Old Museum, Broad Street and Oxford Brookes University.

Sports pavilion

A NEW sports pavilion at Granpoint Recreation Ground will be opened in June.

The pavilion, in White House Road, will have two changing rooms, two official rooms, toilets, a kitchen, and a club room.

Oxford City Council will retain ownership of the pavilion, with Hinksey Park FC leasing the facility.

LVS Oxford

A NEW Oxfordshire school for young people on the autism spectrum will be holding open days this summer.

LVS Oxford will open in September at Begbroke Abbey. The school will be holding open days for parents and prospective students on June 20 and 21 as well as July 4 and 5.

Bishop of Oxford set for retirement

THE Bishop of Oxford will retire later this year after seven years in the job, admitting "there's never a good time to go".

Bishop John, 66, announced the news in a letter published on the Diocese of Oxford website last week.

He will leave the post on October 31 and retire to Richmond, North Yorkshire, with his wife Wendy.

"I do this with very mixed feelings, inevitably," he said.

"The diocese is full of so many good things that it seems somewhat crazy to leave something I'm enjoying so much.

"The truth is there's never a good time to go."

Bishop John moved to Oxford when he was 59, and says he found the role "an enormous privilege, full of fascination and a lot of fun".

"But I've been ordained now for 42 years and have been going at a fair pace for pretty well all of that time," he added.

By **Jack Johnson**
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"It seems only fair to Wendy and the family to give more time to them and to a slower pace of ministry."

Although he is leaving for Yorkshire, Bishop John believes the diocese is in good heart.

He continued: "We've gathered an excellent Bishop's Staff team, reshaped for more effective support of our mission.

"Living Faith is well embedded and has proved to be an effective framework, ready to be reworked for a new phase.

"The diocese is packed full of fine clergy and wonderful lay people, and the mission is going forward imaginatively and energetically in our parishes, benefices and schools."

At the moment it is unknown who the next Bishop of Oxford will be, but Bishop Colin will be acting-Diocesan.

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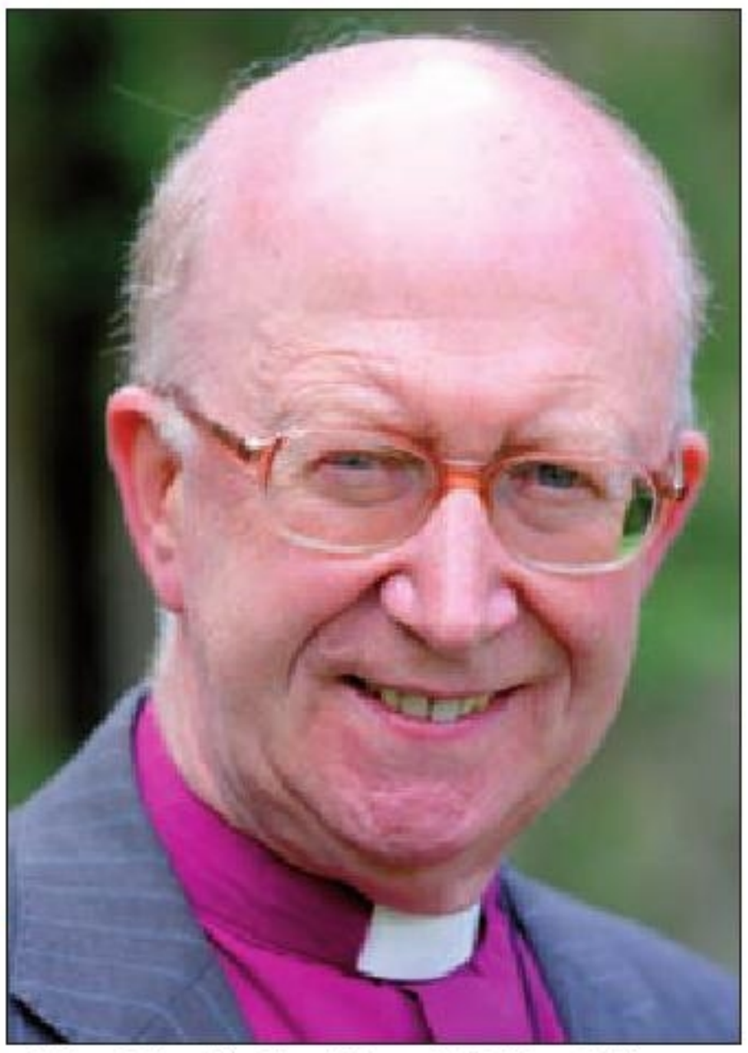

• *Bishop John will retire at the end of October (Picture courtesy of the Diocese of Oxford)*

City accolade for director of Ashmolean

THE director of The Ashmolean Museum will be awarded the Freedom of the City this summer.

Professor Christopher Brown, who is retiring later this year, has led the museum since 1998 and will be presented the ceremonial scroll at the Town Hall in July.

Cllr Bob Price, leader of Oxford City Council, says members were unanimous in the decision, saying it is "the perfect way of acknowledging the debt of gratitude that the people of Oxford have to Prof Brown".

He added: "The transformation of the Museum, the programme of high profile special exhibitions, and the welcome that it now offers to everyone is a huge legacy that will be marked by this singular honour."

Prof Brown added: "I am absolutely thrilled to be honoured in this way by the city of Oxford.

"My intention from the very beginning was to open up the Museum to a much broader public, particularly to the people of Oxford and Oxfordshire."

The Freedom of the City is an honorary status only, with no other rights than to attend formal council meetings, such as annual council and ceremonial occasions such as Civic Church services.

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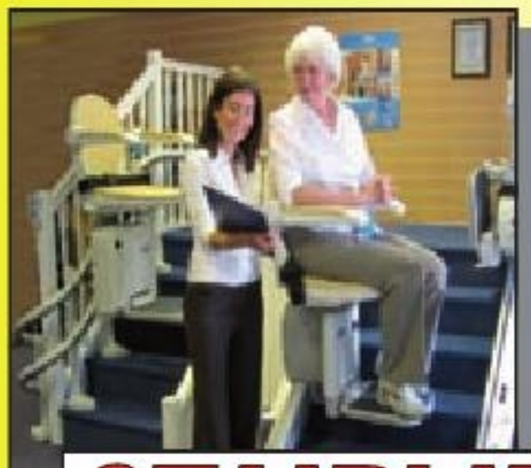

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Burford tourism centre receives green accolade

A WEST Oxfordshire visitor centre has received a Gold award from the Green Tourism Business Scheme (GTBS) for being eco-friendly.

The centre in Burford was praised for encouraging visitors to 'be green' by GTBS, which is the largest sustainable tourism certification programme in the world.

Cllr Richard Langridge, cabinet member responsible for tourism at West Oxfordshire District Council, was pleased with the award.

He said: "Everything was assessed from the fabric of the building, our energy usage, visitor feedback, right down to the way we recycle and reuse materials such as inks and paper.

"Above all, I am very proud of the recognition this Gold award gives to the staff.

"They are extremely committed to achieving a high standard of sustainability through their activities.

"Achieving a Gold award is no mean feat, it is a fantastic accolade that is very well deserved."

Staff at the centre encourage visitors to be environmentally friendly in a number of ways, such as asking them to explore the local area on foot, bike or using public transport instead of taking a car.

They are also encouraged to buy local products during their stay, take care of the local environment while out and about, and minimise energy consumption in their hotel room.

Cllr Langridge added: "With more than four million visitors coming here every year, it is extremely important that we consider the impact of tourism on the district.

"By encouraging visitors to act in an environmentally friendly way during their stay, we are helping to safeguard the beautiful area that we are so fortunate to live and work in."

The visitor information centre was refurbished three years ago when it moved from Sheep Street to Burford High Street.

• *Centre staff Alison Hughes and June Ebelthite celebrate winning the award*

By **Adam Flinn**
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Volunteers needed for first aid unit

ST JOHN Ambulance is appealing for volunteers to join a new unit dedicated to providing first aid at sporting events at the Kassam Stadium.

Home to Oxford United and London Welsh, the stadium is used regularly by thousands of fans.

St John Ambulance volunteers provide first aid cover to supporters at every match, but the charity feels a unit dedicated solely to the stadium would be more beneficial.

While existing volunteers will join the new unit, area manager Andrew Frost is looking for more local people to sign up.

"Anyone interested in joining must have first aid at that forefront of their minds," he said.

"I can certainly say that being a St John Ambulance volunteer is extremely rewarding and it's great to be able to give something back to your local community."

One of the roles on offer is a unit manager, along with other senior roles. No previous medical experience is required.

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Items stolen

A LAPTOP and camera were stolen in a burglary at an Abingdon home on April 9.

Between 8am and 11am, offenders gained entry to the Hamble Drive property via a rear window.

It is believed the offenders passed through a garden on Radley Road to gain access to the property.

Call 101 if you have any information.

Local heritage

CHERWELL District Council is encouraging residents to identify monuments and buildings to include within a Register of Local Heritage Assets.

Workshops will be held on April 30 at 2.30pm and 6.30pm for people to learn more about the register and suggest local structures to accredit with the status.

To reserve a place at either workshop, call 01295 227006.

Celebrations

IF you live in the Vale of White Horse and have been a Brownie, you can attend a celebratory tea party this Saturday.

To mark 100 years of the Brownies, the White Horse Vale division are hosting a tea party between 2pm and 4pm at Wantage Civic Hall.

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A breath of fresh air

Let us give you some ideas for getting the kids away from all their gadgets...

THERE'S no excuse for kids to sit staring at screens throughout the Easter holidays, says Lisa Salmon. Not when there's a wealth of other fun ideas around, come rain or shine.

On top of the chocolate eggs, many children will be enjoying a diet of TV and computer games this Easter.

New research has found that watching television and videos will be many mums' back-up plan during the upcoming school holidays, backed up by previous studies suggesting children often spend more than two-and-a-half hours a day watching TV, and nearly two hours online.

But although most parents would like their children to do something other than just stare at a screen all holiday, sometimes the British weather scuppers any entertainment plans they may have.

The publication of two new activity guides, one for inside and one for outside, hopefully means this hair-tearing situation can be avoided.

Garden designer Dawn Isaac has created her 101 Things for Kids To Do Outside Book, packed with ideas ranging from quick 10-minute activities like building a human sundial and making twig stars, to party games, treasure hunts, simple gardening projects like planting an alpine colander, and more organised tasks like making a mud pie kitchen or holding a mini Olympics.

By **Lisa Salmon**
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"I think there are parents all round the country who are panicking and trying to think of what the kids can do," says Isaac, "and sometimes the solution they come up with is very expensive.

"None of the ideas in the book are expensive, they're just using things you can find round the house or that are quite cheap."

Mother-of-three Isaac stresses that a huge garden isn't necessary for most of the activities - the mini-vegetable garden, for example, is created in an old pot, and there's a herb garden that grows in a wheelbarrow.

"It's trying to be realistic," she says.

"Gardens are shrinking, and most people don't have that much outdoor space, although they can usually get to a park.

"But saying 'Let's go down to the park' to the kids often isn't as attractive to them as the electronic equipment indoors, so the idea is to sell it to them a bit more."

She acknowledges children may still prefer to take the TV or computer games route, so she suggests parents could try the approach she has with her three children, of keeping one weekend day a week, and perhaps more in the holidays, as a 'screen free before three' day, when the TV and other screens aren't allowed on until after 3 pm.

"I'm not anti-screen, it's just finding the time to do other stuff," she explains.

Isaac adds that, depending on the age of the child, the idea is for parents to hand kids the book and leave them to it.

She also points out that while parents might have a problem with rain, kids generally don't mind getting wet, and there's very little in the book that can't be done when it's raining.

Nevertheless, if it's really miserable outside, even the most weather-resistant children may prefer to stay indoors - and that's where parenting author Tanith Carey's Funspiration activity guide could come in handy.

The downloadable guide features 15 activities to do in 15-minute slots, using no more than five items found around the house. Ideas include making egg carton crocodiles, launching a rocket, or simply kids on the catwalk doing their own modelling show.

Mother-of-two Carey, who teamed up with Flora Buttery to create the guide, says: "Sometimes we frazzled mums would rather stay at home than venture out on another exhausting, not to mention expensive, outing with the kids.

"Holidays should be about spending time with the kids, helping them to relax and getting that bond back which may have been lost a little bit during the busy school term."

She says studies show children learn much better through hands-on play, and by interacting with real people, and points out: "In an increasingly techno-obsessed world, active play teaches kids the vital lesson that computers and tablets are not the only way to enjoy themselves."

101 Things for Kids To Do Outside by Dawn Isaac is published by Kyle Books, priced £14.99. Available now.

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Poetic account

THE autobiographical tale of 'Matilda & Me' comes to the Burton Taylor Studio next Tuesday evening.

It tells the tale of Ria Hartley, who poetically reflects on the story of her and her Grandma, along with the two islands, England and Jamaica, that they are from.

Show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10.

Young Kato

INDIE pop band Young Kato headline at the O2 Academy next week.

The six-piece band will perform hits such as 'Drink, Dance, Play' and their recent release 'Help Yourself'.

Doors open at 7pm with tickets priced at £8.

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PEGASUS Theatre hosts the silly and inventive world of 'Rubbish' across two days next week.

The production imagines a world that celebrates rubbish and how the contents of a bin bag can transform before your eyes.

Shows will run at 4.30pm on April 23 and at 1.30pm and 4.30pm on April 24.

Tickets cost £8.

Tapping the night away

AN EVENING of dance and acrobatics is coming to Oxford, as Tap Factory brings its UK tour to the New Theatre on Sunday.

By **Adam Flinn**
adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

The show blends the art of percussion with dance and acrobatics and is performed by a cast of talented male dancers, who are accompanied by a live band for the evening.

Tap Factory is the creation of experienced choreographer and director Vincent Pausanias, who directs and stars in the performance.

"While it's obviously a dance show, it's not just about dance," said Vincent.

"We have a lot of different artists in the show, and the idea is to have diversity and a huge variety of different acts."

Urban tap dance, percussions, comedy and acrobatics are all on the agenda for Sunday's show, and the entire routine took Vincent around a year to create.

"The tour's going very well," Vincent added.

"We were really looking forward to coming to the UK because it is the country of showbusiness!

"We've had a very good reception from the audience, and we are really happy to be here. It's been great.

"I've been a dancer for 20 years, and I've been performing in lots of different shows, tours, cabarets, all sorts of things, and I've been choreographing and directing shows for six or seven years in France and Europe as well.

"But I wanted to create my own show, and with my passion for tap dance, I came up with this."

This will be Vincent's first visit to Oxford, and once the UK tour has finished the cast will be heading off to Israel, Spain, the Netherlands, Russia and Switzerland in future months.

Sunday's show begins at 7.30pm, and tickets start from £23.40. For more details, go to www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk or call 0844 871 3020.

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STELLA Feehily's political comedy 'This May Hurt A Bit' is at the Oxford Playhouse throughout next week.

Starring Stephanie Cole, the performance explores one family's journey through the digestive system of the NHS.

Running from April 22-26, ticket prices range between £21.50 and £26.50.

Lucy Porter

COMEDIAN Lucy Porter returns to Banbury's Mill Arts Centre this evening.

Lucy, who makes regular appearances on 'Never Mind The Buzzcocks', 'Mock The Week' and 'The Unbelievable Truth', is well known for her inventive one-liners.

Show starts a 8pm and tickets cost £13.

Swarb presents

'AN EVENING with Swarb' comes to Wallingford's Corn Exchange tonight.

'Said the Maiden', who performed at the Corn Exchange during last year's Bunkfest, are scheduled for the first half of the evening.

After the interval, fiddle-player Dave Swarbrick will perform and answer questions.

For tickets, call 01491 825000.

Heidi's back in Didcot

IRISH folk singer Heidi Talbot performs from her latest album 'Angels Without Wings' in her new tour, coming to the Didcot Cornerstone next Thursday.

By **Adam Flinn**
adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

Heidi is accompanied by her husband and bandmate John McCusker for next week's show, and he also featured alongside a number of guest musicians on the new album.

As well as the latest material, there will also be performances from Heidi's earlier albums, including 'Distant Future', 'In Love and Light' and 'The Last Star'.

Speaking about 'Angels Without Wings', Heidi said: "We've had a great reaction, great reviews and people seem to really like it.

"You never make a record just for people to review it, but it's always nice when you get the feedback.

"I think this will be my last UK tour with this record, and then I'll start work on another new one."

After several years working with a record label, Heidi is preparing to release her next album on her own, and is currently renovating a cottage beside her Scotland home to turn into a studio.

Heidi added: "I've gone through a record company for my last four albums, and 'Angels Without Wings' was the last one in my contract.

"Now it feels like I'm free to own the music myself, to release the albums and do it that way, so it's very exciting.

"It's a much better position to be in if you release music, and whatever you're investing into music you're owning it.

"But I haven't planned the new album that much yet, I'm just in the stages of ideas at the moment. The main worries are about the studio and our record label, all the logistics of that, to make it work."

Next Thursday's show starts at 8pm, and tickets cost £14.50. To book, go to www.cornerstone-arts.org.

• *Heidi Talbot returns to the Didcot Cornerstone next week*

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Viv McLean

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Viv, who studied at the Royal Academy of Music, has previously toured the USA with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

Show starts at 7.30pm. To book tickets call 01865 305305.

Army's tour of duty

POST-PUNK, alternative rock band New Model Army descend on Oxford's O2 Academy next Wednesday.

By Jack Johnson
jack@taylornewspapers.co.uk

Oxford is the second stop on their UK tour, with the five-piece also performing in Germany, France, the Netherlands, Sweden and Norway before the end of the year.

Justin Sullivan, Michael Dean, Marshall Gill, Dean White and Ceri Monger make up the band, which was originally formed as a three-piece back in 1980.

Despite never having a Top 20 hit single, New Model Army, whose name originates from the English revolutionary army of Oliver Cromwell, has still sold millions of albums across the world.

However, they will have to perform in Oxford without drummer Michael, who is forced to miss the show following a knee operation.

Michael will be replaced Andy Woodward, who normally drums for Adam Ant's band.

"When it became clear my leg would not allow me to do the April shows, we realised that we would need a stand-in and selected Andy as the best candidate," Michael explained.

"In the meantime we've been working together on new songs, which should be out later this year.

"I'm now looking forward to when I can play live again, which I hope will be very soon".

New Model Army's tour is in support of their new album 'Between Dog and Wolf'.

The new album was released last September, and is described as 'full of atmospheric musical textures while sacrificing none of the band's famous passion'.

The Bradford-based band will play songs off the new EP as well as hits from older albums such as 'Vengeance' and 'Impurity'.

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She said: ''The designers I have worked with and the photographer Adrian Krajewski were all very inspiring to me and have encouraged me to take my modelling career further. I am so lucky to have met all these people in this industry and of course my biggest sponsors Bar-meze Oxford who have supported me over the years."

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	2				1	9		5

Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

1 Alleviation of misery (11)
9 Malt beverage (3)
10 Broadcaster (9)
11 Insert in a register (5)
13 Part of flax (7)
14 Violate (6)
16 Sacredly obscure (6)
18 Cause pain (7)
19 Kingdom (5)
20 Decorations (9)
21 Can (3)
22 Place for study (7,4)

Quick Clues Down

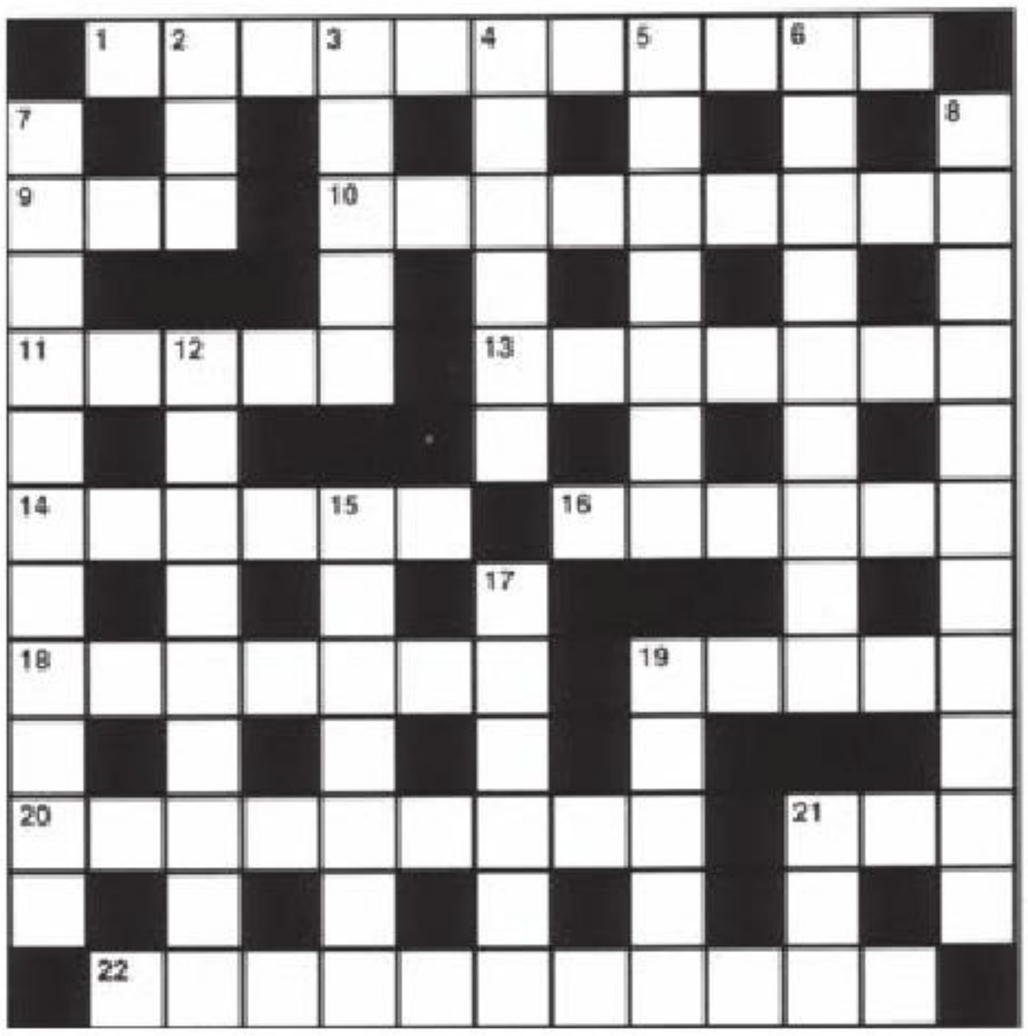
2 Be in debt (3)
3 Wrap for the shoulders (5)
4 Solitary (6)
5 Absence without excuse (7)
6 Musical ensemble (9)
7 Curse (11)
8 Difficulty (11)
12 Respectful awe (9)
15 Tapped (7)
17 Long narrow flag (6)
19 Part of step (5)
21 Cardinal number (3)

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Police chiefs can be real snakes (11)
9 One hopes it will be broken at parties (3)
10 Strike four and come out fighting (9)
11 Conceals the skins (5)
13 Separately, as below (7)
14 Sin-free learner (6)
16 Describe being in charge of the department (6)
18 Walter's turning out good-for-nothing (7)
19 An aid to screen appearance (5)
20 How the baker gets a rise (9)
21 There's nothing in us to produce sadness (3)
22 And I note it's out of the way to the journey's end (11)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 Was in debt we hear to poetry (3)
3 Chooses one's tools (5)
4 Drink to the graduates on the dance floor (6)
5 Period certain to be a wash-out (7)
6 Wet roof-edge became less so in the laundry (4,5)
7 Where a financial drop pleases the superstitious? (7,4)
8 Hidden sky sign for office workers (11)
12 Plunder, having saved up for a start (9)
15 Right to alter (7)
17 Confused oil ban in ancient England (6)
19 Nothing left (5)
21 How to make another question (3)



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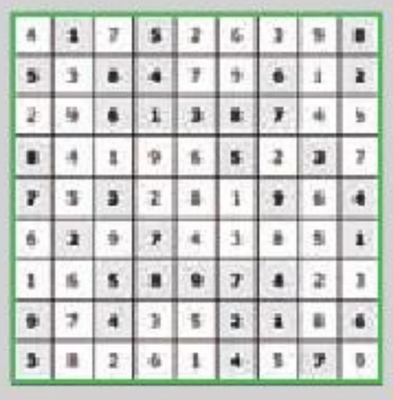

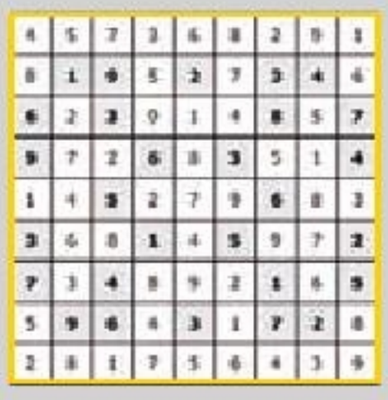

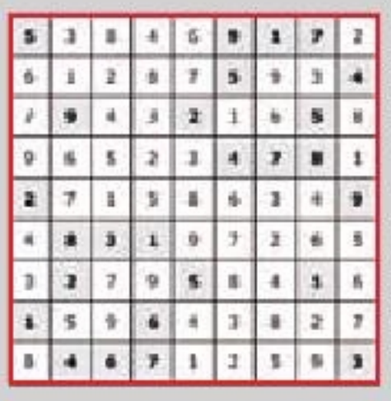

Quick Crossword

Across: 4 Ruffle 8 Ferrule 9 Unsafe 10 Donations 11 Gage 13 Plait 14 Misused 16 Utility 18 Prate 19 Nero 21 Fortunate 22 Assail 23 Develop 24 Easier

Down: 1 Decollete 2 Armadillo 3 Slain 5 Urns 6 Fracas 7 Evened 9 Until 11 Gun runner 12 Gestation 15 Stool 16 Unmade 17 Irises 20 Steed 21 Fine

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 4 Divers 8 Contact 9 Cleric 10 Stevedore 11 Wine 13 Props 14 Paragon 16 Couples 18 Wrote 19 Erne 21 Tormented 22 Lotion 23 Repeals 24 Rodent

Down: 1 Posterior 2 Stove-pipe 3 Acids 5 Idle 6 Earwig 7 Sicken 9 Cream 11 Warranted 12 Northerly 15 Felon 16 Cellar 17 United 20 Ember 21 Town

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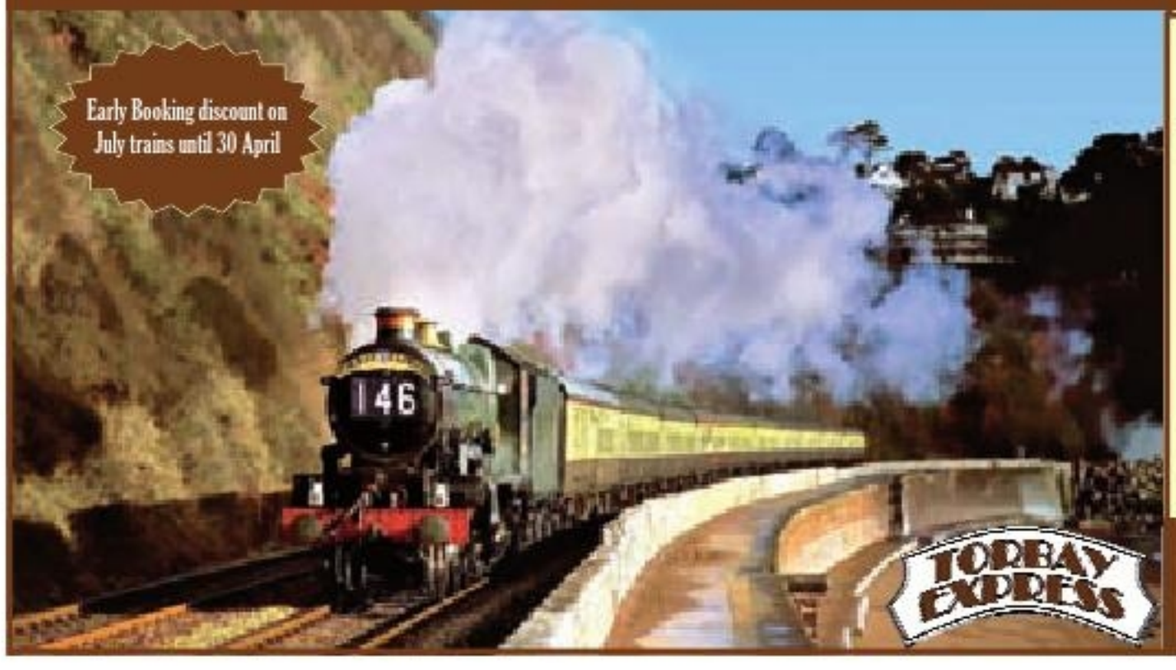

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If the New Year fitness regime has fizzled out and you want to get in shape for summer, now is the time to enrol on the latest fitness craze taking place across Chipping Norton, Xtreme Boot Camps.

Since its opening last month, Xtreme Boot Camps – Chipping Norton has proved popular with locals looking for an alternative to the gym. People of all fitness levels are embracing the intense physical training of the course combined with tips and advice about nutrition and health that is shared by the military trained instructors.

James Evans, co-founder and Xtreme Boot Camps instructor, said: "We are excited to be welcoming locals from Chipping Norton. We have seen a steady interest and as a result we are receiving more enquiries from people who want to get fit."

He added: "For many, gyms are seen as old hat. Our camps give everyone regardless of size and fitness ability the chance to get out in the open and exercise with fitness experts. The team-orientated tasks also mean that friends and family can join in to help boost encouragement and morale."

Closing date:
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Xtreme Boot Camps are for people of all ages (16+), abilities and fitness levels. The only requirement is enthusiasm and a bottle of water!

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Prices announced for Mitsubishi's world-first plug-in hybrid SUV

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UK prices for the world's first plug-in hybrid SUV – the Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV –have been announced.

The PHEV range starts at £28,249 for the entry-level GX3h, which is the same as the equivalent Outlander diesel GX3 auto.

Along with laying claim to being the only plug-in hybrid on the market not carrying a price premium for its hybrid technology, the Japanese firm also says that the Outlander PHEV is the most practical vehicle that qualifies for the Government's £5,000 Plug-in Car Grant, with 5 seats, 4WD and a large (463 litre) boot.

The car's ultra-low CO2 emissions of 44 g/km also means there's no Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) payable.

Other highly specified variants of the Outlander PHEV include the GX4h at £32,899 and the £34,999 GX4hs.

The hybrid system comprises a 2.0-litre petrol engine fitted with Mitsubishi's Valve Timing Electronic Control and twin 80 bhp electric motors – one powering each axle – hooked up to a high-capacity 12.0 kWh lithium-ion battery pack. This results in a claimed

REVIEW: Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV

By **Philip Shoulder**

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official economy figure of 148 mpg, with the PHEV able to drive on electric-only propulsion for up to 32.5 miles.

Furthermore, three different driving modes work to derive the most energy efficient propulsion of the Outlander PHEV - EV Drive Mode, Series Hybrid Mode and Parallel Hybrid Mode.

Regenerative Braking also plays its part in assisting efficiency of the hybrid drive train. During deceleration, the motors function as generators so that electricity can be created to charge the drive battery.

The combination of conventional combustion engine and electric operation allows the Outlander PHEV to be efficient on shorter daily commutes and longer less frequent journeys.

The car's exterior style is reflected in the cabin, with what Mitsubishi call a 'simple yet tasteful design', incorporating high-quality materials, giving a rich, premium feel.

A crystal fibre-like dashboard 'envelopes' the driver, and there are ergonomic steering wheel controls and high-resolution, easy-to-read instrument displays including a hi-definition LCD multi-information display system. The base model gets 18" alloy wheels and includes cruise control, Bluetooth, leather steering wheel, privacy glass and electric folding/heated mirrors.

More premium models will boast extras such as a powered tailgate, wide-beam HID headlamps, DAB Radio, heated front seats, electric sunroof, reversing camera and sat-nav. The GX4hs adds adaptive cruise control, lane departure warning and forward collision mitigation system.

The all-new Outlander PHEV will make its entrance into Mitsubishi showrooms across the UK in May.

• *The Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV is set to hit showrooms across the UK in May*

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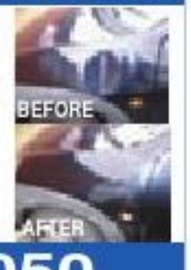

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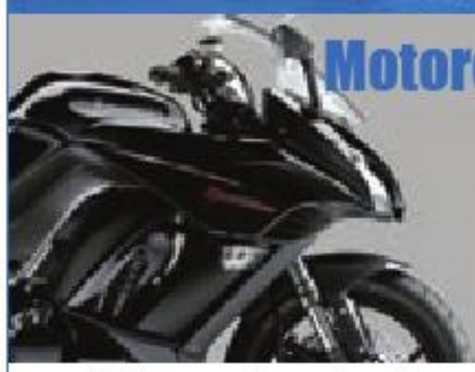

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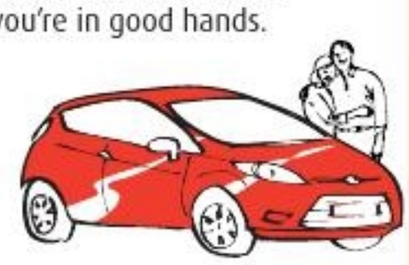

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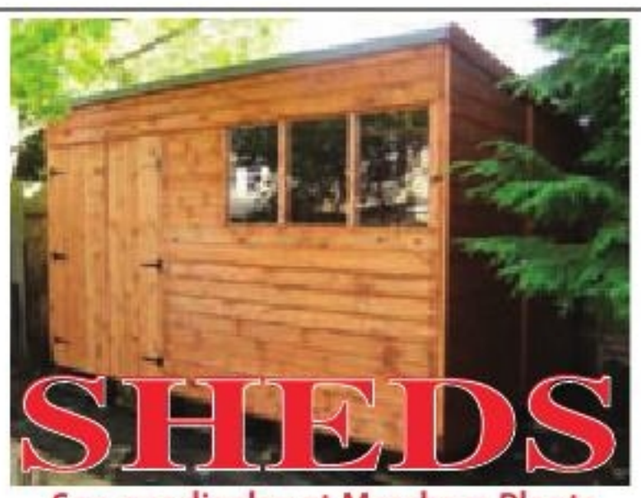

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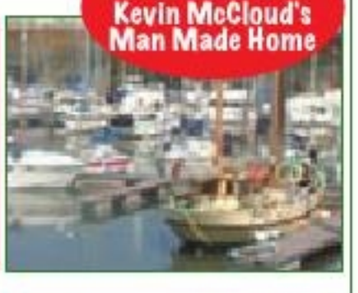
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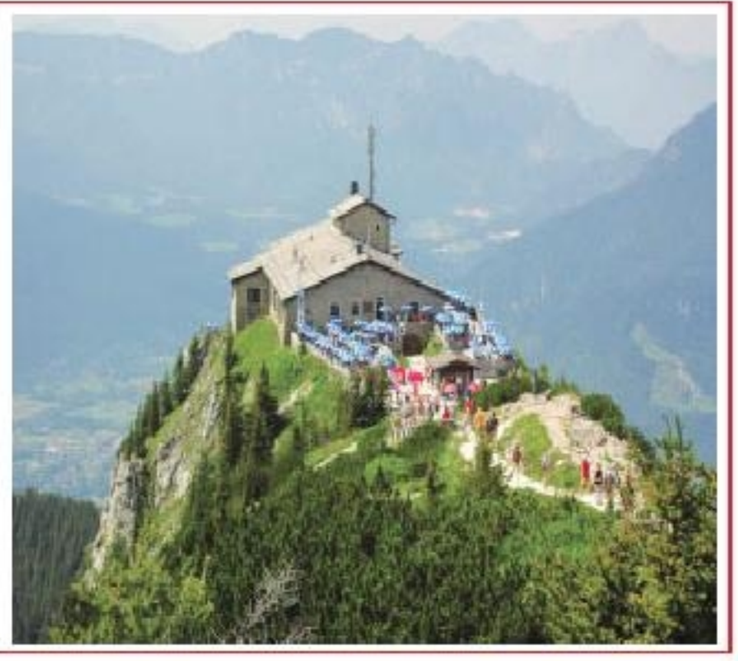

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Win moves United back into the play-off places

DAVE Kitson and James Constable fired Oxford United to their first win in four games last Saturday with an impressive 2-0 victory over fellow play-off hopefuls Plymouth Argyle.

The win saw United return to Sky Bet League Two's play-off places, just a week after York City replaced the U's in the top seven.

And tomorrow's clash at home to the Minstermen could not be more important for United's promotion hopes.

United are currently seventh in the table with 62 points, a point ahead of eighth-placed York.

A win for Gary Waddock's side will put a four-point gap between the two sides, with three games remaining in the regular season.

Last weekend's victory on the south-west coast was certainly one that Waddock enjoyed.

"The players deserve the credit, they were magnificent," he said.

"I've got to say a big thank you to the fans that travelled down, it's a long way to come.

"I wanted to show them what it meant, not only for me but for the players and the staff."

United's head coach added: "When you lose a game, you dwell on it too long.

By **Jack Johnson**
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"When you win a game, you put it to bed and leave it, but it's gone now, it's history. We can't affect that.

"We can look forward to our next game against York, which will be one hell of a game and, again, our fans can play an important part."

Waddock played with two wingers at Plymouth in a 4-4-2, with Constable and Kitson leading the line.

However, it was the two wide players, Callum O'Dowda and Ryan Williams, the former, in particular, who impressed Waddock.

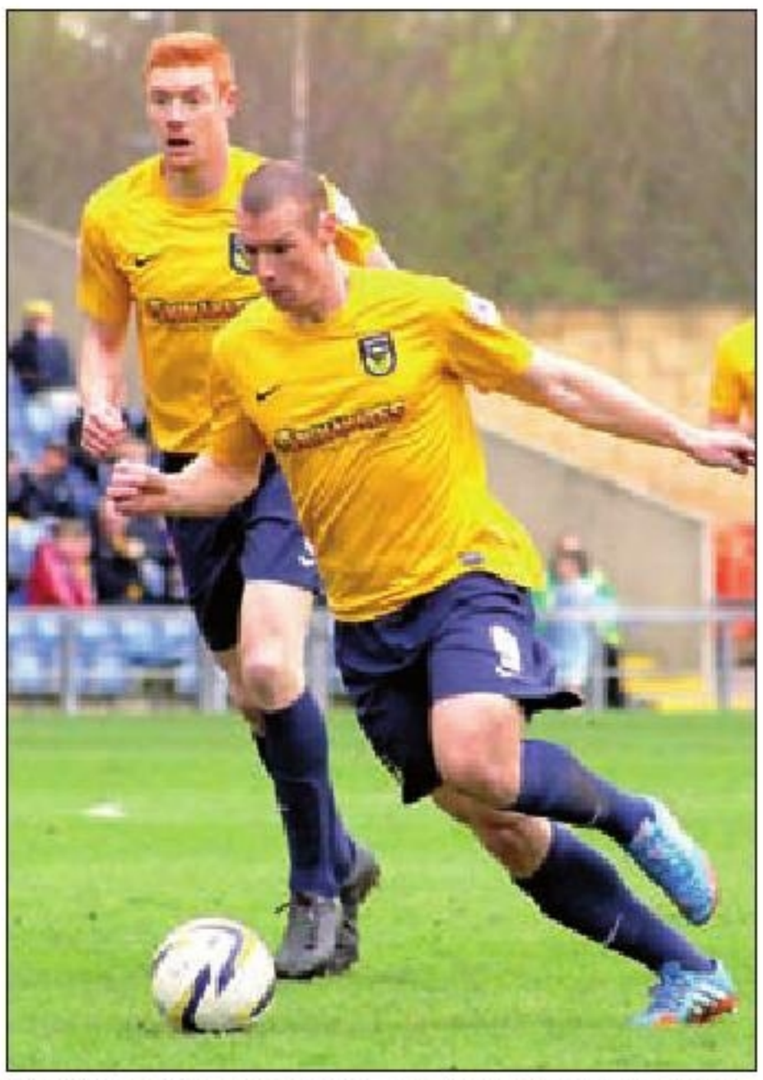
"I've been really impressed with Callum in training," he said.

"He gives you a bit of pace and an outlet and he's a young lad, so I'm really pleased for him.

"Callum is learning his trade and to come into a game like this and perform the way he did, it must be exciting for him as well.

"Sometimes you need to be brave to stick young players into a game like that, and we've got brave staff."

In the meantime, Constable's goal against Plymouth was his 106th for United, leaving him only one behind Graham Atkinson's long-standing club record.



• *Picture: James Constable (foreground) and Dave Kitson (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

Personal best for Bradley

BRADLEY Smith recorded his best ever result in MotoGP last Sunday, as he rode to fifth place at the Circuit of the Americas track in Austin, Texas.

He was closing on the podium positions towards the end of the race, after the Oxford-born rider qualified eighth on the grid.

Smith steadily made his way up the order and was challenging German racer Stefan Bradl for fourth in the closing stages, but ultimately had to settle for fifth.

"I am very pleased, with this being the most physical track on the calendar in my opinion," said Smith.

"When I got to Bradl I gave everything I could, and when I reached those left right left corners, I tried to go underneath him, and my heart rate just went through the roof!

"I put all my cards on the table as I knew that [third-placed Andrea] Dovizioso was edging away, but I am still really pleased to be the top Yamaha."

Smith received 11 points for his efforts in Texas, and is currently ninth in the standings. The next race takes place in Argentina on April 27.

Ross hopes to derail Bristol

ASSISTANT coach Gordon Ross says Friday night's game against league leaders Bristol Rugby will be a "massive challenge" for London Welsh.

The Exiles are currently second in the Greene King IPA Championship, four points behind Bristol.

Welsh and Bristol are two of the in-form teams in the league, with both sides boasting lengthy winning runs.

Ross said: "Bristol are playing some unbelievable rugby at the moment, so we will try and stop them.

"They seem to be steamrollering teams for fun and scoring lots of points so we have got to make sure we are ready to go down there and be ready to face a massive challenge.

"Bristol, like ourselves, are on a very good run, and will want to carry that forward to finish top of the league."

A bonus point win over Bristol would see Welsh go top, but Ross says the prospect of becoming league leaders has not been mentioned in training.

He added: "We just want to carry on and do what we do well and if we can do that on Friday, play to our strengths, be nice and competitive, then hopefully we'll challenge Bristol as much as we can."

City endure miserable week in league and cup

OXFORD City were unable to repeat last week's heroics against Telford as they were beaten 2-1 by Altrincham on Tuesday night.

Goals from James Walshaw and Jake Moult condemned City to a second successive league defeat, after a 6-0 hammering at the hands of Gainsborough Trinity last weekend.

Tuesday night's defeat leaves Mike Ford's side fourth from bottom in the Skrill North with 36 points, four points clear of safety with three games of the season remaining.

After two consecutive league defeats, as well as a 2-1 loss to Ardley in the Oxfordshire Senior Cup, City will look to get back to winning ways this weekend.

Ford's men welcome Hednesford Town to Marsh Lane this Saturday, before travelling to Brackley Town on Monday.

City's season ends with a home match against Bradford Park Avenue on April 26.

• *Oxford City's Darren Mullings battles for the ball (Picture by Mike Allen)*

Sport Bites

Plato in action

JASON Plato will be hoping to add to his two podium positions he scored at Brands Hatch, as round two of the British Touring Car Championship gets underway at Donington Park this weekend.

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Plato hasn't won at Donington since 2008, but was able to finish second in the second race at the track last year.

Title for Stars

A COMFORTABLE 9-3 win over Basingstoke Buffalo meant that Oxford City Stars won the National Ice Hockey League 2 South in style last Sunday.

They topped the table with 33 points, one ahead of second-placed Slough Jets.

This is the second season in a row that Stars have won the league, however the team is still making a decision to whether they will go up or remain in the same league for another season.

Women lose

OXFORD United Women's first game in the FA Women's Superleague 2 ended in a 3-0 defeat against London Bees at Northcourt Road, Abingdon.

The U's started brightly in their league debut and Lauren Allison came close to scoring after 18 minutes, but it was the Bees who made the breakthrough in the first half.

A second goal followed soon after, before another was conceded in the closing stages to leave the U's propping up the table.

Didcot's run keeps going

JOSH Dutton-Black and Luke Carnell fired Didcot Town to a fourth consecutive home win with a 2-0 victory over Godalming Town last Saturday.

Diddy are currently 13th in Division One South and West, and are on a six-match unbeaten run ahead of this weekend's trip to Yate.

The Railwaymen have already beaten eighth-placed Yate this season, and joint managers Ian Concannon and Jamie Heapy will be hoping to record the double.

In the Hellenic Premier Division, Wantage Town's 4-2 win over Highworth Town saw the Alfredians jump above Ardley United and top the league.

Gary Ackling's side lead Ardley by two points but turn their attentions to a 'Bluefin Sports' Challenge Cup semi-final against Ascot United this Saturday.

Meanwhile, bottom side Abingdon Town were beaten 5-0 by Wootton Bassett Town.

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F1 heads to China for round four

WILLIAMS AIMING TO CONTINUE POSITIVE CAMPAIGN

WILLIAMS Martini Racing will be hoping to build on their consistent start to the season this weekend, as Formula One heads to Shanghai for the Chinese Grand Prix.

The Grove-based team have taken 10 points from each of the opening three races this year, with Felipe Massa coming seventh and Valtteri Bottas eighth last time out in Bahrain.

Williams have never finished higher than fifth in China since the track first appeared on the calendar in 2004, and will be hoping for better luck this year.

Massa said: "There is a very long straight in China that will be good for overtaking, especially for our car as we have a good top speed.

"There are also low speed corners where good downforce

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is needed, so we hope we can make improvements on these sections.

"We hope to have a few new parts, which should help with grip and other areas that we need to improve."

Bottas added: "So far the season has been positive and we are looking forward to China.

"The long straight will be our strong point as we can overtake, but we need to be good through the corners to be close enough to take advantage.

"The weather can be variable in China but at this point we are looking for a dry race."

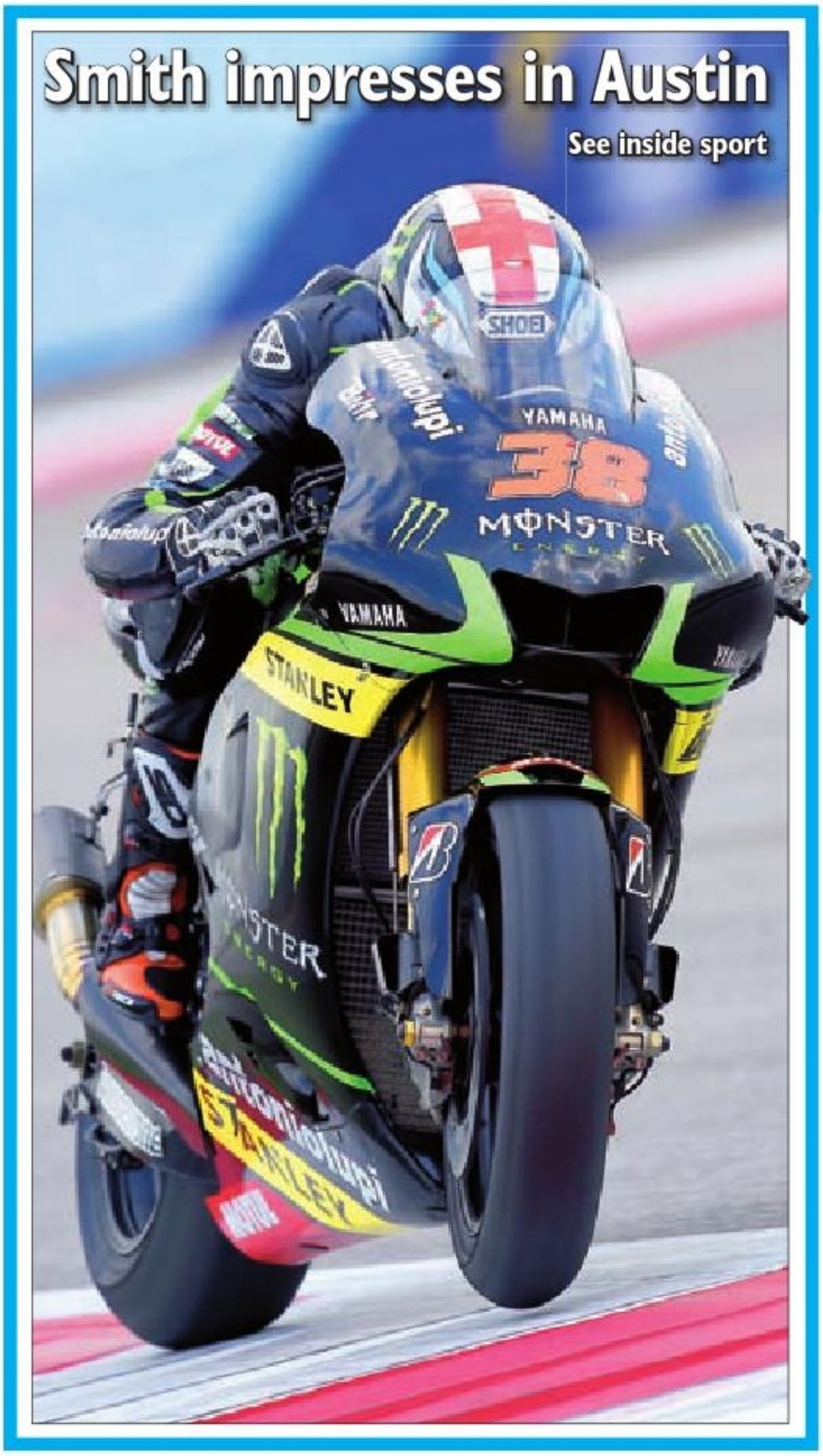
Meanwhile, Enstone-based Lotus will be hoping to score their first points of the season after a torrid start to the year.

Their car had suffered from reliability problems during testing and in the opening race at Australia, but both Romain Grosjean and Pastor Maldonado were able to reach the chequered flag in Bahrain.

Grosjean said: "Shanghai is quite a particular circuit where it is not always easy to find the right setup, and the temperature can also be cold.

"There is a lot we need to do with the car and we certainly need some better power unit performance. Of course we'll do our best to score our first points of the year, that is our goal."

Caterham and Marussia will also be continuing their battle in the championship, with Marussia currently ahead.



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